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Information circular*

To: Members of delegations and staff

From: The Assistant Secretary-General for Central Support Services

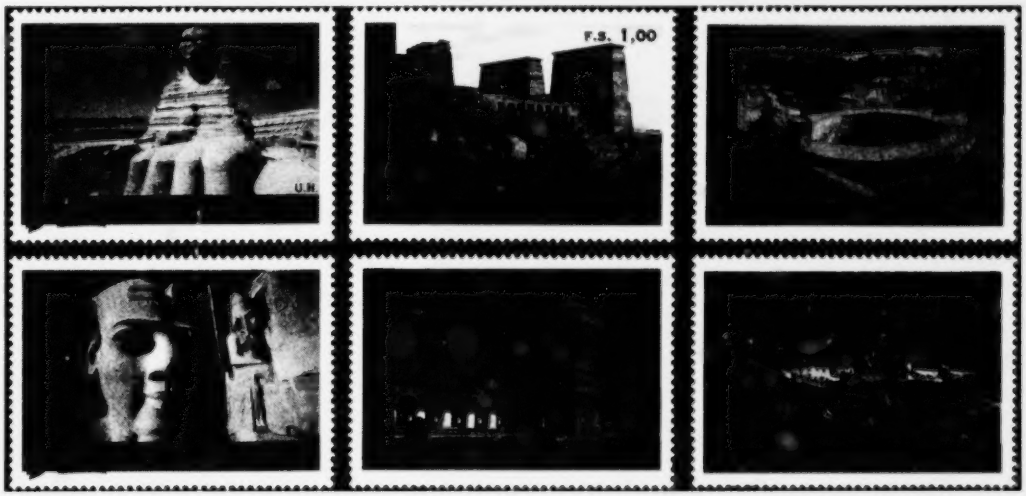
Subject: **First day of issue — 4 August 2005: "World Heritage — Egypt" Stamps and prestige booklets**

Commemorative stamps

1. On Thursday, 4 August 2005, the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) will issue a set of six commemorative stamps, on the theme "World Heritage — Egypt". This is the eleventh United Nations stamp issue to illustrate World Heritage sites and the ninth in a series of stamps and prestige booklets focusing on either one specific World Heritage site or a group of World Heritage sites in one geographical location.

2. The stamps will be issued in denominations of 37¢, 80¢, F.s. 1,00, F.s. 1,30, €0,55 and €0,75. The designs were adapted as stamps by Rorie Katz (United Nations).

(United States equivalents: F.s. 1,00: 81 cents; F.s. 1,30: $1.06; €0,55: 69 cents and €0,75: 94 cents, subject to exchange rate fluctuation.)



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Prestige booklets

3. Also on 4 August 2005, UNPA will issue its ninth set of prestige booklets. The three booklets, on the theme "World Heritage — Egypt", have a common design based on the six commemorative stamps for this issue and each contains a total of 24 mint stamps in either United States, Swiss or Austrian denominations. The booklets are priced at $7.20, F.s. 8,40 and €6,60.

(United States equivalents — F.s. 8,40: $6.83 and €6,60: $8.28, subject to exchange rate fluctuation.)

General information

4. For the convenience of collectors, UNPA at Headquarters will provide prepared and cancelled New York, Geneva and Vienna first-day covers on the UNPA official first-day cachets **only**. Members of delegations and the staff can obtain these items on Thursday, 4 August, at the following locations:

(a) The UNPA sales counter in the concourse of the General Assembly Building, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.;

(b) Temporary sales counter located on the east side of the Secretariat lobby in front of the windows between the cafeteria and the news-stand, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

5. First day of issue cancellations can be obtained at a temporary United States Postal Service substation located outside the United Nations Bookshop in the concourse of the General Assembly Building, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

6. Information on United Nations stamps can be accessed on the Internet at http://www.un.org/Depts/UNPA.